

House Resolution No. 952

Whereas, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives welcome with pleasure the opportunity to recognize a remarkable Missouri citizen whose efforts and accomplishments have made her a source of inspiration to all those around her; and

Whereas, Melinda Ritchey, a teacher at Westview Elementary School in the Excelsior Springs School District, has been chosen as a recipient of the Teacher of the Year Excelsior Springs 2008 award; and

Whereas, Melinda Ritchey, a 1978 graduate of Oak Park High School, has distinguished herself in the education world by teaching students with mental retardation for the past twenty-six years; and

Whereas, Melinda Ritchey taught students with mental retardation and autism at three school in Excelsior Springs for nineteen years prior to assuming her responsibilities at Westview Elementary School; and

Whereas, for the past seven years, Melinda Ritchey has served as a special process coordinator/educational diagnostician at both Westview and Elkhorn elementary schools; and

Whereas, Melinda Ritchey was nominated for this award because of her love for students, her belief in the district, and her unwavering dedication; and

Whereas, Melinda Ritchey has been blessed with the love and support of her wonderfully devoted husband, Steve Ritchey; and

Whereas, Melinda Ritchey can take pride in knowing she has consistently given more than one hundred percent to all those activities in which she has so generously and enthusiastically participated:

Now, therefore, be it resolved that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Melinda Ritchey for her selection to receive the Teacher of the Year Excelsior Springs 2008 award and in further wishing her continued success in all future endeavors; and

Be it further resolved that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Melinda Ritchey.

Offered by _____
Representative Bob Nance
District No. 36

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, Second Regular Session,
do certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House
Resolution No. 952, adopted March 6, 2008.

Rod Jetton, Speaker